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[Saddle Road Press](#) announces a new book of stories by [Rolf Yngve](#):

## *Dog Watches*

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At sea, the four-hour watch at the end of the work day is cut in half to make two dog watches.

These stories are shortened from the lives of the men and women who stand the dog watches, the moments when their decisions define them and shape the lives of those in their care. A former commanding officer finds himself powerless when he confronts young woman about to leap from a bridge. A captain blames his second in command for the crazy decision he makes that ends his career. A heroic young woman discovers the deep tragedy of trafficking. An officer pursuing his duty makes a fatal error that defines his entire life. The inventory of dead sailor's locker haunts a young officer's first hours on board and the life of his ship. The illicit affection between beloved captain and a shipmate is discovered after



a near tragedy.

The stories of *Dog Watches* come from seas where duty and service are lashed by desire, doubt and human frailty. From his thirty-five years in the Navy, Captain Rolf Yngve has created compelling reading for anyone struggling with the deep demands of civic duty and personal responsibility found in 21st Century America.

### **Praise for *Dog Watches***

Tim O'Brien (author of *The Things They Carried* and other novels), calls Yngve's story "A Prerogative" "an exquisite piece of writing...an utterly absorbing story."

Goldie Goldbloom (author of *Lose These and Other Stories*) writes, "*Dog Watches* is a tension-filled exploration of blame and responsibility, guilt and contrition, filled with the beautiful, simple, excruciating details which can only come from an authoritative knowledge of the sea and the inner workings of men. His abiding compassion for flawed humanity buoys each linked story up into a place of unexpected mystery and insight. Darkly strange, strangely moving."

David Kranes (playwright and novelist) writes that "Rolf Yngve's fine story-collection, *Dog Watches*, is oceanic. Literally! In it are the lives of ships and the men and women bound and committed to them. The world of these stories surges up. It plummets down. It searches—horizon to horizon. The prose is sometimes becalmed. Sometimes raging. This is a collection to learn from."

Peter Turchi (author of *A Muse and a Maze*): "[Yngve] writes with an authority borne of experience, close observation and, most important, insight. These closely, sometimes surprisingly related stories, told without a trace of sentimentality or overstated drama, about events ranging from the comic to the tragic, feel true—not in the way of journalism or nonfiction, but in the way that fiction can express the complex reality of human experience. Ultimately, this is a book about connections and contemplation, and while it focuses on people who happen to serve in the U.S. Navy, its true subject is life."

## About Rolf Yngve

Rolf Yngve grew up in a household of readers in Plymouth, Minnesota when cars had carburetors, kids had three pairs of shoes, and ice skates were entertaining for boys and girls. He attended the University of Minnesota sporadically from 1969 to 1971 where he met the poet John Berryman who was very polite when he told him to write something other than poems.

After being drafted into the Army early in 1970, he managed to talk the Navy into taking him instead. Thirty-five years later, he retired from the Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer after holding ranks from seamen to captain.

Rolf studied writing at the University of Utah, Old Dominion University and completed an MFA through the Warren Wilson MFA for Writers Program.

He has published short fiction in many journals and his work has been anthologized in Best American Short Stories, 1979, Sudden Fiction and others. *Dog Watches* is his debut collection of stories.

He lives in Coronado, California, across the highway from the Silver Strand Beach with his spouse, Sharon Shelton, Captain USN (ret) where they surf, sail, and try to do good.

You can find Rolf at [his own site](#).

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